

**Georgia State Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater  
Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts  
Board Meeting  
June 21, 2012**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts was held on June 21, 2012. Margaret Doss, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Margaret Doss, Chairperson, William “Bill” Defino, Tony Rojas, Eric Osborne and Stanley Tate.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General via teleconference.

**Executive Session:**

Tony Rojas moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Stanley Tate seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Margaret Doss, Chairperson, William “Bill” Defino, Tony Rojas, Eric Osborne and Stanley Tate. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

**Continuing Education:**

Stanley Tate moved, Eric Osborne seconded, and the Board voted on courses submitted for continuing education. A list of courses voted on by the Board is included as Supplementary Document A.

Bill Defino moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted on the courses submitted by Columbia County Water Utility for continuing education, with Margaret Doss recusing from discussion and abstaining from the vote. A list of courses voted on by the Board is included as Supplementary Document B.

The Board reviewed a request for continuing education points from Jimmy Rampley for a course he attended, Pump Training School, sponsored by AECOM Group. The Board noted that the course had previously been approved.

Eric Osborne moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted to award Mr. Rampley 12 continuing education points for the course, classified for Water & Wastewater. The Board further requested staff to notify Mr. Rampley by letter of the points awarded, and to advise him to retain the letter in the event that his license is selected for CE audit during the next renewal.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

Tony Rojas moved, Bill Defino seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Board meeting. Bill Defino moved, Tony Rojas seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 19, 2012 Board meeting.

**Applications:**

Stanley Tate moved, Eric Osborne, seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses presented as issued since the April 19, 2012 meeting.

Tony Rojas moved, Eric Osborne seconded, the Board voted as follows on the applications presented in Executive Session:

<b>Applicant Number</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>License Type</b>
Franklin Daniel	Approve	Water Distribution Operator
Phillip Bassett	Approve	Waste Water Operator 3
1770093	Deny	Waste Water Operator 2
1769325	Deny	Waste Water Operator 3
1769619	Deny	Water Distribution Operator
1748608	Deny	Water Operator 4
1732845	Deny	Wastewater Operator 3
Christopher Coleman	Approve	Water Operator 3

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**Complaints:**

Tony Rojas moved, Stanley Tate seconded, and the Board voted as follows on the complaints presented in Executive Session:

<b>Complaint Number</b>	<b>Board Recommendation</b>
WW110003	Close
WW120011	Refer to Legal for court disposition, and refer to AG for revocation

**Other Business:**

Margaret Doss reported that the ABC CE Review is now in operation. Distance learning companies apply with ABC for CE approval, and member states can access the report for ABC review of courses. Member states can accept or deny based on each State's criteria.

Margaret Doss presented the Board with questions she has received from operators regarding who should hold a certificate in Water Distribution. Bill Defino explained the EPD criteria for this certification, but acknowledged that criteria are vague. Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General, suggested that the Board members review the rule to clarify the Board's position on whether on-site supervision of distribution staff by a certified Water Distribution Operator is required, or if periodic inspection and review of work performed is adequate. The Board members agreed that periodic inspection and review is adequate to meet the requirement of the law. Margaret Doss suggested that the Board should draft an interpretation of the rule to clarify questions on this topic. She appointed Bill Defino and Tony Rojas to work on drafting the interpretation.

Margaret Doss reported that she received correspondence asking what type certification a system needed. Classification of systems is defined by EPD, and EPD was forwarded the correspondence. Bill Defino presented for Board information the EPD interpretation of minimum certified operator requirements.

Bill Defino presented board with information that he received for interpretation of On-The-Job Training for qualifying for certification. Board rules do not define experience as full-time. Margaret Doss asked if the Board wants to leave definition as it is, or more clearly

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define experience. The Board members expressed the opinion that they want to leave the definition as it is.

The next meeting of the Board will be August 23, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Margaret Doss, Chair

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Steve Lindsey, Executive Director